

5 September 1983
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--August 1983

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Early in the month the Bureau received several messages from the Daily Report indicating that several JN-originated items had been received without pinkie coding. A check of the original tapes indicated that they had indeed been properly coded when they were transmitted from the Bureau, but that the coding had somehow disappeared from the messages en route to the Daily Report. At Washington's request, one of the tapes was telexed to Headquarters and several others were sent by pouch in an effort to resolve the mystery of the disappearing pinkie code.

2. Bureau efforts to monitor the new North Lebanon Voice of Palestine radio, which began broadcasting the beginning of August, were mostly unsuccessful. The morning transmission was completely unmonitorable at Jordan Bureau throughout the month, while the evening transmission was generally poor to unmonitorable due to strong cochannel interference from IDF radio and another unidentifiable transmitter. Adjustment of the receiver bandwidth and redirection of the miniloop antenna did not help to eliminate the interference.

3. Baghdad Voice of PLO has suffered from seasonal reception problems throughout most of the summer, making it necessary for Jordan Bureau frequently to request Nicosia Bureau's assistance with coverage of the initial part of the broadcast. By the end of the month, the Bureau's reception of the radio had improved to the point that we were able to discontinue sending daily immediate coordination messages to Nicosia advising them of the time Jordan was picking up coverage. Nicosia is continuing to backstop record the broadcast.

B. Lateral Services

A ponyline providing FBIS service to various high level

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offices of the Government of Jordan went into operation on 7 August. The new line and the existing ponyline to the embassy are controlled by a single selective calling unit, thus providing the Jordan Government with the same selection of FBIS items as is received by the Embassy Political Section.

C. Technical

A second video monitoring position was established during the month to resolve occasional scheduling conflicts with the existing position. The new position was set up in the Bureau's cruising room to minimize noise problems in the main monitoring operations area.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Arabic monitor [redacted] was promoted to FSN-8 on 7 August. [redacted] successfully completed one year as a trainee monitor on that day.

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2. Bureau technician [redacted] received a PSI on 7 August.

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III. VISITS

To the Bureau:

[redacted] Budget and Finance Officer, 10-14 August.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

Att: Production Report

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 219,588
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 94,918
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 724

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: BROAD- PRESS PUBLI-
 CASTS AGENCIES CATIONS
 (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK) 6540 19815 68

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN
 MANAMA WAKH IN 8
 ARABIC
 CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN 8
 ARABIC
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN 8
 ARABIC
 FRANCE
 PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN 19700
 ARABIC
 PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN 6860
 ARABIC
 PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN 3670
 ARABIC
 IRAQ
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN 5290
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN 20900
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 12000
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD TWA IN 25130
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD INA IN 760
 ENGLISH
 BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN 0
 ARABIC
 BAGHDAD ATH-THAWRAH IN 2300
 ARABIC
 ISRAEL
 JERUSALEM IN 1660
 ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD
 JERUSALEM AL-FAYR IN 1410
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN 510
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AL-AUDS IN 400
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B IN 260
 ARABIC
 JERUSALEM AT-TALI'AH IN 390
 ARABIC
 JORDAN
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 15190
 ARABIC
 AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 1220
 ARABIC
 AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 8
 ENGLISH
 AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN 2670
 ARABIC
 AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN 3300
 ARABIC
 AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN 300
 ARABIC
 AMMAN AR-RAY IN 1900
 ARABIC
 AMMAN JERUSALEM STAR IN 3740
 ENGLISH
 AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN 1240
 ENGLISH
 AMMAN SAMT ASH-SHA'B IN 3470
 ARABIC
 LEBANON
 MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN 6450
 ARABIC
 MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN 8
 ENGLISH
 SUDAN
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN 17900
 ARABIC
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN 3370
 ENGLISH
 SYRIA
 DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN 30840
 ARABIC
 DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN 6240
 ARABIC
 DAMASCUS SAHA IN 10090
 ARABIC
 UNITED KINGDOM
 LONDON REUTER IN 540
 ENGLISH